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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Proximity Detection Systems for Continuous Mining Machines in Underground Coal Mines

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) sponsored information collection request (ICR) titled, “Proximity Detection Systems for Continuous Mining Machines in Underground Coal Mines,” to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval for continued use, without change, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

DATES: The OMB will consider all written comments that agency receives on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained free of charge from the RegInfo.gov Web site at [http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref\\_nbr=201707-1219-002](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=201707-1219-002) (this link will only become active on the day following publication of this notice) or by contacting Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129, TTY 202-693-8064, (these are not toll-free numbers) or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

Submit comments about this request by mail to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL-MSHA, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20503; by Fax: 202-395-5806 (this is not a toll-free number); or by email: [OIRA\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov). Commenters are encouraged, but not required, to send a courtesy copy of any comments by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor-OASAM, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attn: Departmental Information Compliance Management Program, Room N1301, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210; or by email: [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129, TTY 202-693-8064, (these are not toll-free numbers) or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This ICR seeks to extend PRA authority for the Proximity Detection Systems for Continuous Mining Machines in Underground Coal Mines information collection requirements codified in regulations 30 CFR 1732(d). This information collection relates to requirements for mine operators to install proximity detection systems on continuous mining machines. More specifically, the subject regulatory provisions require: the proper certification (initialing and dating—including time) by a qualified individual that the machine-mounted components of the proximity detection system have been checked (§ 75.1732(d)(1)); recording, before the end of the shift, any defects found as a result of the check—including corrective actions and their dates (*Id.*); the operator recording any defects found as a result of the checks of miner-wearable components required under section § 75.1732(c)(2), including corrective

actions and dates of corrective actions (§ 75.1732(d)(2); the operator creating a record of persons trained in the installation and maintenance of proximity detection systems under § 75.1732(b)(6) (§ 75.1732(d)(3)); the operator maintaining records in a secure book or electronically in a secure computer system not susceptible to alteration (§ 75.1732(d)(4)); the operator retaining records for at least one year and making them available for inspection by authorized representatives of the Secretary and representatives of miners (§ 75.1732(d)(5). Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 sections 101 and 103(h) authorize this information collection. *See* 30 U.S.C. 811, 813(h).

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid Control Number. *See* 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under Control Number 1219-0148.

OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal, and the current approval for this collection is scheduled to expire on April 30, 2018. The DOL seeks to extend PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) more years, without any change to existing requirements. The DOL notes that existing information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. For additional substantive information about this

ICR, see the related notice published in the *Federal Register* on November 24, 2017 (82 FR 55879).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the address shown in the ADDRESSES section within thirty (30) days of publication of this notice in the *Federal Register*. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB Control Number 1219-0148. The OMB is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Agency:* DOL-MSHA.

*Title of Collection:* Proximity Detection Systems for Continuous Mining Machines in Underground Coal Mines.

*OMB Control Number:* 1219-0148.

*Affected Public:* Private Sector—businesses or other for-profits.

*Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 209.*

*Total Estimated Number of Responses: 291,137.*

*Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 828 hours.*

*Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$0.*

AUTHORITY: 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D).

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